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Missing Person

Search in Progress for Rochester Man

At press time, a multi-agency search effort has been organized for a missing 73-year-old man in the Town of Rochester. Clayton Morgan of 451 Neck Road in Rochester was last seen near his home by a neighbor at about 10:30 am Monday morning (April 4). Late Monday evening, his brother was unable to locate him at his home and notified Rochester Police.

An ensuing search by Rochester Police and Fire personnel was curtailed by darkness and resumed early Tuesday morning. At the request of the Rochester Police, Massachusetts State Police Search and Recovery Specialists were called to the area early Tuesday morning to coordinate an expanded search of the area near Mr.

Morgan's home. In addition to six Rochester police officers and fifteen Rochester firefighters, State Police have assigned five search dogs and handlers, along with about ten troopers under the command of a State Police Lieutenant, who will coordinate the overall search effort.

By mid-day on Tuesday, April 3, the multi-agency search effort for Mr. Morgan had extended into parts of southern Lakeville and Middleboro. However, search officials continued to report no progress in locating the 73-year-old Rochester man.

Earlier in the day State Police, along with Rochester Fire and Police personnel, were joined by search specialists from the Massachusetts Environmental Police,



Above: Adrienne Boutin of Rochester poses with a copy of *The Wanderer* in front of the famous Opera House in Sydney, Australia. Ms. Boutin is currently spending a semester "down under" as part of her school's exchange program. Like all our readers who have submitted posed pictures to us from various sites, Ms. Boutin will receive an official *Wanderer* coffee mug for her efforts ... and we continue to encourage people to submit photos from unique locations for future consideration. We've got a backlog of photos yet to come (if you've submitted one already, we're planning a full page of them next week) so rest assured we're doing our best to print each and every one we receive!

On the cover: April showers came a little early last Friday, March 30 when torrential rains caused severe flooding throughout the tri-town area. Here, the water level in the Mattapoissett River has risen to such an extent that the tunnel way under the arch bridge was almost completely submerged. Many streets, homes and businesses located in low-lying areas of Mattapoissett, Marion and Rochester were flooded late Friday afternoon in the aftermath of the deluge. Town police, fire, and public works personnel had a busy day assisting residents with basement pump-outs and keeping the all-important storm drains clear. (Photo by Paul's Mom.)



Above: Jeff, Rick, Scott and Bob of the Rochester Highway Department pose with the girls from Rochester Daisy Troop #39 during a recent tour of the Rochester Town Barn where they learned about the recycling program. Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge (back, far left) graciously posed with troop mascot Daisy Bear. (Photo courtesy of Jackie Bassett.)

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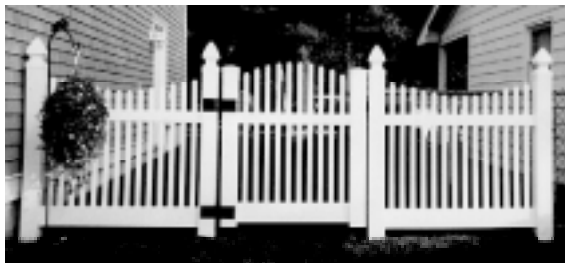
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DEM Park Rangers, Duke's County Search and Rescue, and Central Massachusetts Search and Rescue. Shortly after noon, a Dartmouth Police bloodhound arrived to attempt to track Mr. Morgan and another bloodhound from Rensselaer County, New York was expected to join the search effort later in the day. Also providing support were representatives of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the American Red Cross, who were providing food and beverages for about 70 personnel involved in the organized search effort. As of mid-afternoon at press time, officials expected the search to continue until darkness.

Although Mr. Morgan reportedly has been ill recently, police have no explanation for his absence from home. Rochester Police ask anyone with information concerning Mr. Morgan to contact them immediately at 508-763-5112.

Recycling Review

Rochester Troop Visits Town Barn

On March 21, the Rochester Daisy Troop #39 visited the Rochester Town Highway Department Barn to learn about recycling. Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge taught the troop what to recycle and where the recyclable material goes. He answered all of the girls' questions and the members of the troop even got a chance to sit in the town's recycling truck.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

April 2, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, April 2 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham, Selectman Raymond Andrews, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the March 26 meeting, the board signed and unanimously approved the following:

- Bowling Alley License for Bowl-Mor Lanes (1 year);
- Pool Table Licenses (2) for Silvestri's (1 year);
- Pool Table License (1) for Brad's; and
- Appointment of Michelle Roy at Designee of the Superintendent of Schools on the Mattapoisett Scholarship/Education Fund Committee, with a term to expire on April 30, 2001.

Under meetings scheduled for the week, Ms. Adams noted:

- Tuesday, April 3 - Mattapoisett Annual Town Elections (polls open 10:00 am to 8:00 pm);
- Wednesday, April 4 - Center and Old Hammonds town School Building Committee Meeting at 5:00 pm in Town Hall, Selectman Andrews will attend;
- Monday, April 9 at 7:30 pm - Special Town Meeting in the ORR High School Auditorium.



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Ms. Adams noted the scheduled 7:00 pm meeting with Robert Moore of the Mattapoisett Lions Club had been cancelled, but Chairman Lambalot advised that Mr. Moore was planning to announce the Annual Mattapoisett Lions Club Senior Turkey Dinner which will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 21. Reservations can be made by calling Cynthia Paige at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) at 508-758-4110 by Tuesday, April 17.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Letter from Pat Gardiner, President of Hearts and Hands, requesting the use of Ned's Point following the annual Hearts and Hands Bike-A-Thon and Walk-A-Thon to be held on Sunday, May 20 (rain date: May 27) this year.

- Letter from Norma Jones and Patricia Davis, both of North Road, expressing concern that the emergency accessibility connecting the Aucoot Boat Yard with Indian Cove was not usable during last Friday's torrential rain storm. "We are Harbor Beach residents and this was our only way in and out during the storm on Friday, March 30," the letter stated. "It was accessible around 6:00 pm, but the cable (was) across at 7:30 pm and the area near the Harbor Beach pillars was still flooded. It is our understanding that this exit is to be open during all emergencies."

Ms. Adams noted that she has contacted the President of the Indian Cove Association regarding this matter and will report back to Ms. Jones and Ms. Davis when she hears back.

In a related matter, Chairman Lambalot took the opportunity to congratulate and thanks various town departments for their much-needed assistance with last Friday's excessive rainfall which caused a great deal of flooding in Mattapoisett — both in area homes and

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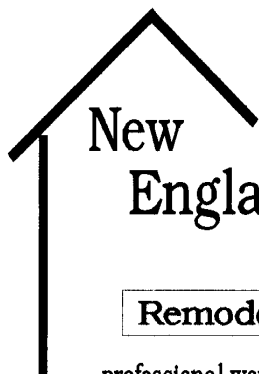
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businesses. The Mattapoisett Fire Department assisted with 62 pump outs; members of the Water/Sewer Department put in additional hours working to make sure flooding didn't create problems with the town's sewer system and keeping the storm drains clear and flowing; and the Highway Department staff was also on duty assisting residents and business owners with alleviating the flooding problems.

Selectman Andrews then took the opportunity to make a timely public statement on the eve of the Annual Town Election to "clarify some inaccuracies that are circulating around town" via political campaign ads which have been published by Daniel Goodman Sr., a candidate for a seat on the Board of Selectmen. Selectman

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Andrews felt he needed to defend the collective actions of the three-member board regarding past budgetary practices, the so-called "paramedic plan" for the town, and the leadership efforts of Fire Chief Ronald Scott and Police Chief Mary Lyons.

"State Law controls the town's budgetary process," Selectman Andrews read from a prepared statement. "Each and every dollar that is spent is done so with the approval of the voters at Town Meeting, and in some cases the ballot box as well. Mr. Goodman's claim that our FY 00 budget increased 32 percent in comparison to previous years is inclusive of all betterments ... the \$17.5 million reflects *total town appropriation, not total town spending.*"

Selectman Andrews noted that the actual budgetary increases (less betterments) were as follows: FY 97 - \$9,098,907; FY 98 - \$9,838,543 (8.1 percent increase); FY 99 - \$10,215,611 (3.8 percent increase); FY 00 - \$10,942,923 (7.1 percent increase); FY 01 - \$11,633,584 (6.3 percent increase).

Another bone of contention was the suggestion that Mattapoisett's paramedic service should be modeled on the Maryland State Police. "I am the Selectman who at Town Meeting last year stated that the premier paramedic model in the country was the Maryland State Police Helicopter Service," Mr. Andrews said. "I never wanted to model Mattapoisett paramedic service after the Maryland State Police, but was answering a charge that only the Fire Department should provide Paramedic Service. In the

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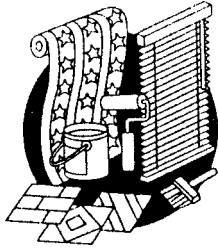
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case of Mattapoisett, a Fire Department-based paramedic service is not the best route for our town to follow."

Selectman Andrews stressed that a paramedic service run by the Mattapoisett Fire Department would lead to the need for a full-time Fire Department. "Our current EMS needs are being met in a professional and cost-effective manner with our present system of police-based EMS/Basic Life Support (BLS)," he said. "We will soon elevate that to an Advanced Life Support (ALS) service. At this time in Mattapoisett, I personally believe ... that we are best-served with the present Call Volunteer Fire Department. I have the utmost faith and trust in (Fire) Chief (Ronald) Scott and his department to do the job that they are presently assigned to do and carry (it) out in a most professional manner.

"Likewise, I have the utmost faith and confidence in (Police) Chief (Mary) Lyons and the Police Department to run our present EMS Service, which we will upgrade to the Advance Life Supports level (Paramedic). The town will have available on a 24/7 basis a Paramedic to support the EMTs on every shift. Mr. Goodman's claim that the paramedic training lags far behind Fairhaven's is just not true. Based upon our training and staffing schedule with the SouthCoast Hospital Group, we should have Paramedics on the streets in Mattapoisett by January 2002."

Lastly, Selectman Andrews addressed the ongoing Fire Department staffing needs (especially during daytime hours) by suggesting members of the

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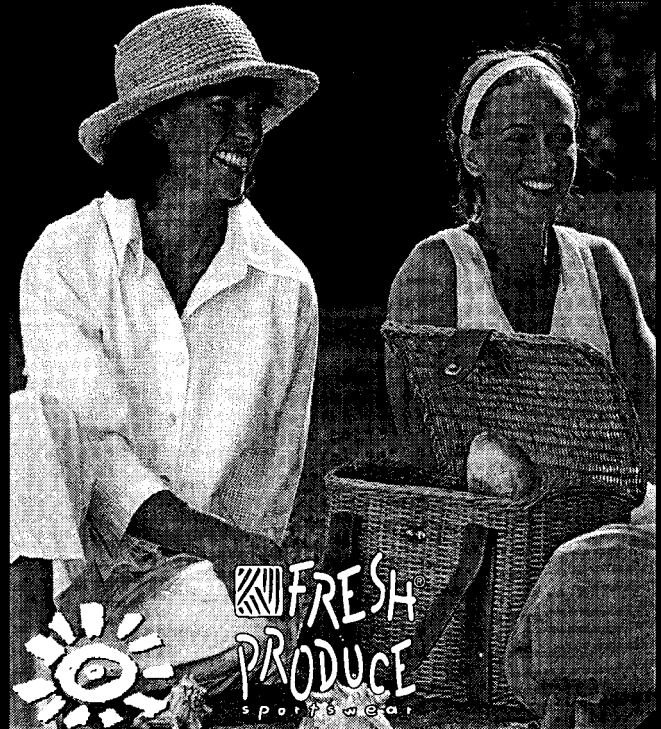
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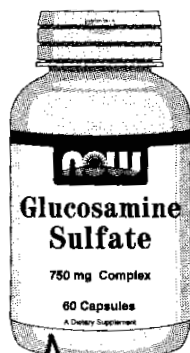
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There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:15 pm.

Mattapoisett Annual Town Election

April 3, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A better-than-usual 1,709 registered voters (38 percent) went to the polls on Tuesday, April 3 to decide a couple of contested and several uncontested races in the Town of Mattapoisett. **Board of Selectmen** incumbent **Barry J. Denham** readily secured a second three-year term by defeating first-time contender **Daniel Goodman Sr.** by a two-to-one margin. Mr. Denham received 1,147 votes to Mr. Goodman's 532.

Despite the defeat, Mr. Goodman remained positive about having run what he deemed an honest campaign. "I'm very proud to have run a clean campaign, an honest campaign, and a factual campaign," Mr. Goodman said immediately after learning the results at Old Hammondtown School Tuesday night. "It was an absolute pleasure doing this ... talking and meeting the residents of Mattapoisett."

Mr. Goodman felt his defeat could be directly attributed to a "smear campaign" waged against him in

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the eleventh hour. "I do not believe this election was decided on the issues," he said. "It was decided by the town's reluctance to deviate from the status quo. I'm disappointed."

Mr. Denham was not available for comment Tuesday night and his campaign workers would not divulge his whereabouts when asked.

Other "unofficial" election results announced Tuesday night by Town Clerk Lois K. Ennis: **Board of Assessors**, uncontested - **William O. Hall** (1,353 votes); **Mattapoisett School Committee**, 2 seats - **Gerald E. Johnson** (1,278 votes) and **Daniel J. Bungert** (974 votes); **Old Rochester Regional District School Committee**,

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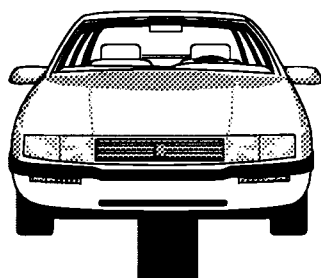
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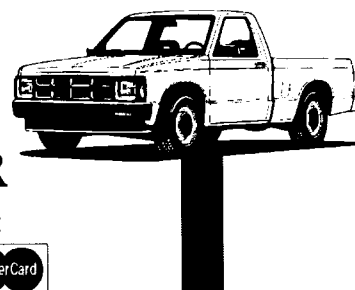
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uncontested - **Luther Leake** (1,252 votes); **Trustee of Public Library**, 2 seats - **Bette A. Roberts** (1,198 votes), **Robert M. Walter** (794 votes), **Mary F. Magee** (816 votes); **Town Moderator**, uncontested - **Richard W. Blasdale** (1,414 votes); **Water/Sewer Commissioner**, uncontested - **Gary A. Gaspar** (1,354 votes); **Board of Health**, uncontested - **Daniel C. Lee Jr.** (1,335 votes); **Tree Warden**, uncontested - **Raymond A. Briggs** (1,391 votes); **Constables**, 2 seats - **Paul H. Magee** (1,396 votes) and **William O. Simpson** (1,289 votes); **Planning Board**, uncontested - **Ronald C. Merlo** (1,275 votes); **Mattapoisett Housing Authority**, uncontested - **Eileen Sargent** (1,331 votes); **Herring Inspector**, uncontested - **Robert A. Martin** (1,360 votes).

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

April 3, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

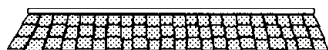
A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver.

After approving the minutes of the March 27 meeting and unanimously signing treasury warrants #40-2001 and #40 for the week, the board voted to proclaim April 27 as "Arbor Day" in the Town of Marion, a town which also has the distinction of being named a "Tree City, USA."

At 7:05 pm the board met with William F. Fuller, President of the Elizabeth Taber Library Board of Trustees, to discuss possible future expansion of the town library. Mr. Fuller explained that any future expansion of the existing site would likely require them to expand west

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(1593) **W. Wareham**, 3 bedroom garrison on large lot. New linoleum, carpet, roof, siding, kitchen. Title V approved. \$169,900. Debbie McKeever 291-2112



(1158) **Mattapoisett**, Unusual property! Spacious 3 BR cape with 2 bedroom Ranch on 4.8 acres. \$499,000. Elaine Gaspar 999-4541



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toward the town tennis courts. After meeting with architect William Saltonstall, Mr. Fuller said a 36-foot extension along the 75-foot width of the library would meet the town's needs for the foreseeable future.

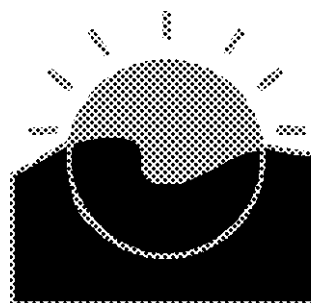
As such, this would require the relocation of the tennis courts and Mr. Fuller wanted to know their status with relation to the ongoing Sippican School Building Project.

"We're looking at the possibility of moving the tennis courts right now," Chairman Winters said. "Unfortunately, I don't think the (Sippican School Building) Committee can make a decision regarding the tennis courts right now."

Chairman Winters went on to say that the tennis courts were included as a so-called "add/alternate" to the Sippican School Building Project. In other words, they would only be renovated if funding was available — they weren't a priority item under the school package. At this point, it would appear that the school is going to use up the \$1 million contingency funding allocated and Chairman Winters was not comfortable "going back to ask the town for more money to finish Sippican School."

"Moving the tennis courts is probably more easily done than (moving) the library," agreed Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Lee Hayes. "We can leave the tennis courts the way they are now and not do anything until a decision on the library is made."

The board agreed that the tennis court



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renovations would only be done if money was available from the existing Sippican School Building Project budget. This would "buy them time" to determine how the library project would progress.

In other matters, the board:

- Met with Lee Bulgaris of the Little Neck Senior Housing Study Committee to discuss possible options for future expansion of the facility. Mr. Bulgaris and his committee made four potential recommendations: (1) retain the current community building and farm house and add about 20 new units, approximately 750-square-feet each; (2) remove the community center, retain the farm house, and add about 22 new units; (3) remove both the community center and farm house and expand by 24 units; or (4) add only 12 to 14 larger units and retain the farm house and community building.

Mr. Bulgaris said his committee favored the second option, but that was the most costly of the four at an estimated \$2.41 million — option 1 would cost \$1.833 million; option 3: \$2.32 million; and option 4: \$1.257

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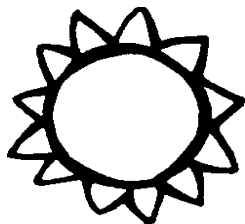
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million. The next step will be to decide what option the town prefers and how they can allocate the necessary funding for engineering and design services if they choose to proceed.

- Voted to grant permission to close off Holmes Street between Pleasant and Front Streets on Saturday, May 5 for the Marion Cub Scout Pack 32's third annual Soapbox Derby from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. The board gave their blessing pending the final approval of Police Chief Lincoln Miller.

- Signed and approved the warrants for the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting to be held next month.

- Unanimously voted to appoint Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock as the town's representative to the COSC; as representative to the Council of SEMASS Communities; and as the town's Chief Procurement Officer — all positions formerly held by Town Administrator Ray Pickles.

- Received notification from Shellfish Officer Kevin Snow that the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has closed all waters in the Town of Marion, effective March 30 at 5:00 pm, due to the recent heavy rains and storm runoff until further notice.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

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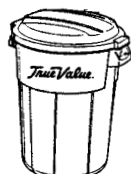
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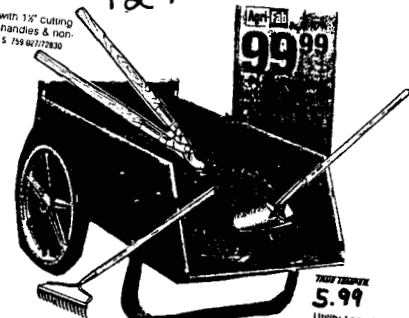
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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

April 2, 2001

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectman was called to order by Chairwoman Naida Parker on Monday, April 2, 2001 at 7:00 pm. Also present were Selectman Richard Cutler, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the March 26, 2001 meeting, the board met with Police Chief William C. Przybylek. First, Chief Przybylek wanted to formally introduce the recently-appointed Police Officer, Sean McAssey, who will serve as a full-time officer in Rochester. Next, the Chief recommended commendations to Patrol Officer Robert Small and to Dispatcher Melissa Trahan, both of whom were recently involved in a potentially-dangerous situation at a Rochester home.

On Sunday, March 4, 2001 Dispatcher Trahan received a 911-telephone call from a woman reporting a domestic disturbance at her home. The caller reported that she, her two small children and her mother were in her mother's home when her brother arrived at the house in an intoxicated condition. A domestic disturbance subsequently ensued between the 27-year-old man and his mother. The situation escalated quickly when the man was discovered to have a gun. Dispatcher Trahan dispatched Patrol Officer Robert Small to the home as

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Officer Small arrived at the home and secured the area, blocking the vehicles in the driveway and checking the exterior of the house. The subject came out of the house with a loaded semi-automatic gun at his side. Officer Small and the subject were face to face as Officer Small made repeated commands for the subject to stop, drop his weapon and raise his hands. The subject did not comply and instead approached the officer and stopped approximately ten feet away from the officer. The subject raised his gun but Officer Small held his fire despite the potentially life-threatening situation. Finally, the subject pressed the magazine release button and the magazine fell to the ground, and eventually dropped the weapon altogether.

Upon approaching the unarmed man, Officer Small and the subject found themselves in a scuffle when the subject reached for the officer's firearm, and attempted to pull the gun up towards Officer Small. Once Officer Small was able to thrust his weapon back into the

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holster, he pulled out his canister of pepper spray and spayed the subject in the face. Officer Kemmett, who was present at this point, joined them in the struggle, and the two officers eventually managed to subdue the six-foot-two, 325-pound man, and handcuff him.

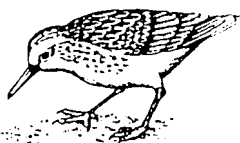
The man was taken to Wareham Police Department for booking and detention and subsequently voluntarily committed to Bridgewater State Hospital for a thirty-day observation period. After completing his stay at the hospital, he will be arraigned on several charges including Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Resisting Arrest and Disorderly Conduct.

"I am extremely proud of the manner in which Officer Small handled this highly stressful situation, which easily could have ended tragically for the subject or Officer Small himself," Chief Przybylek said. "It is my opinion that Officer Small was fully authorized to use deadly force against the subject. However, even in the face of potentially drawing gunfire from an armed adversary, he exercised outstanding discretion and restraint in bringing this potentially lethal situation to a peaceful conclusion."

Chief Przybylek was also pleased with the manner in which Dispatcher Trahan handled the emergency telephone call. "Throughout the time she handled the call, Dispatcher Trahan calmly and competently maintained contact with the terrified residents of the house, dispatched and maintained

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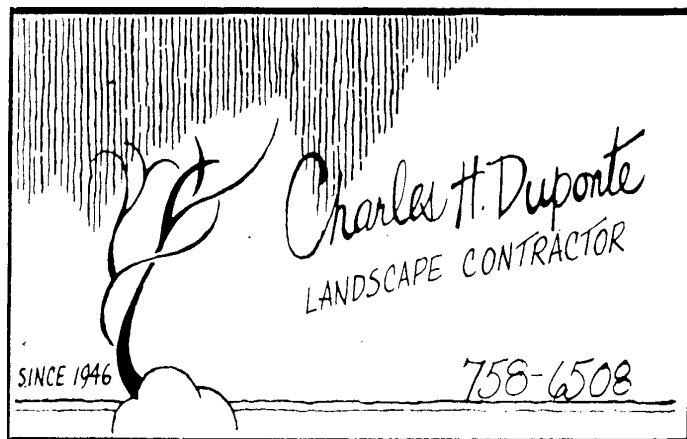


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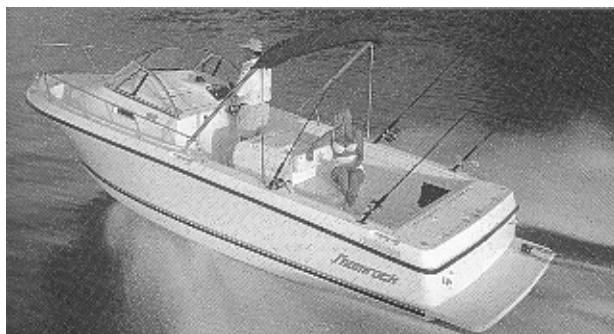
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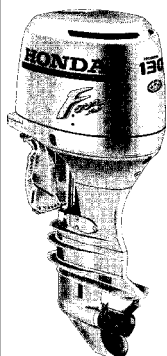
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The Board presented both Officer Robert Small and Dispatcher Melissa Trahan each with a plaque commending them for their outstanding performances during a very stressful situation.

Next on the agenda, the board discussed the final disbursement of funds from the Marion Lois Phillips Estate. A check in the amount of \$520.09 was received which will be given to the Rochester Little League.

A letter was received from Marion Town Administrator Julia S. Enroth-Whitlock. She acknowledges recent correspondence from the board regarding the Tri-Town Housing Co-Op. She agrees that it "has been instrumental in assisting area residents with soft-second mortgages and upgrading existing housing stock." She notified them that she will be contacting the newly-formed Marion Housing Committee for active involvement.

A letter was received from resident Rosemary Smith who expressed her interest in serving on the Open Space and Recreation Committee.

The board next met with the Finance Committee (FinCom) in regards to the new budget and its comparison to last year's budget. FinCom Chairman Michael Costa explained that this year the budget has "increased substantially," from \$8 million in 1999 to \$10.5

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million in 2001, making this an 11 percent increase. He offered a run-down of specific departments in which the budgets have increased, as most departments have submitted budget requests.

The school budgets have increased most dramatically, reaching an estimate of a \$700,000 increase over last year. "The schools are leading the charge of the budget increase," he said. Rochester Memorial School requested a substantial budget increase of over \$150,000 over last year. The Old Rochester Regional School District has also requested a \$250,000 increase over last year which is up 7.5 percent. And Old Colony School has requested a 10 percent increase of \$30,000. The FinCom has met with the School Committee and agrees that the

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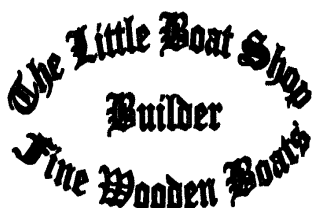
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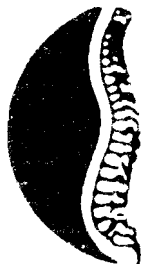
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requests sound "reasonable, but are they affordable?"

There are plans for more meeting between FinCom and the School Committee to get these numbers down.

The Police Department has made a budget request of \$628,000, as opposed to the current budget of \$510,000. The department requested two new cruisers, but will only be allotted one new cruiser. In addition, there the request for the allotment for the salary of an additional full time officer, as well as overtime funds to allow two patrolmen to serve per shift. The new police facility and its operational costs will also factor into the new budget. The Trash Contract has increased from \$56,000 last year to \$86,000 this year. The library has requested a budget increase up 18 percent from last year due mainly to expanded services and more hours for their employees.

A General Wage Increase of 3 percent has been factored into the budget for town employees as well as elected officials. Salaries for new positions such as a Conservation Assistant and Town Planner were added into the budget.

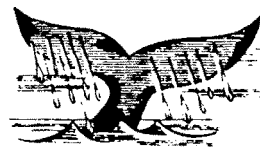
Free Cash has an availability of \$762,000, while the Stabilization Fund has approximately \$1.1 million, which the committee wants to see remain intact. Capital Plan projects include several possibilities, some of which are important and probable, while some are simply not possible to attain this year.

Some of the budget recommendations are as follows:

- COA building at a cost of \$150,000 to \$200,000.
- Landfill/Methane Barrier at a cost of \$120,000 to \$150,000. "This has to be done," said Chairman Parker.
- An ambulance at a cost of \$180,000.
- One police cruiser, in addition to the one that has already been allotted into the Police Department budget. This cruiser is likely to be declined at Town

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- The Highway Department has indicated the need for and requested a tractor for the ball fields, a waste oil furnace, and a loader. The current loader is 15 years old, but the cost of a new one is \$120,000. This request is likely to be denied. They also request funds for road maintenance.

- Mary's Pond Beach has requested a sum of \$120,000 to finish the beach. The FinCom has yet to meet with them, however, they feel it is unlikely that they will be able to allocate this money.

These possible expenditures add up to \$700,000, so it is necessary for more discussion to take place to determine which are most important to the town. The

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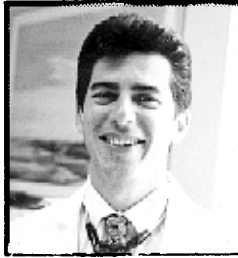


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numbers for the budget are expected to become finalized within the next four to five weeks.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Sports Shorts

By Kenneth J. Souza

All-Star Basketball Camp

Final registration is now being held for the **Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp**. Boys (ages 8-19) and girls (ages 10-19) can apply and players are selected by Invitation Only. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langdon. Camp locations include: Rochester, NY; Redlands, CA; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sackville, NB Canada; Babson Park, FL; Gainesville, GA; Champaign, IL; Macomb, IL; Greencastle, IN; Atchison, KS; Midway, KY; Hillsdale, MI; Saint Paul, MN; Fayette, MO; Boiling Springs, NC; North Canton, OH; Lock Haven, PA; Bristol, RI; Lebanon, TN; Commerce, TX; Fort Worth, TX; Blacksburg, VA; Olympia, WA. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players named to the All-American Team. For an evaluation form, please call (704) 568-6801 anytime.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Two weeks ago, YMCA SouthCoast mailed a letter addressed to you (SouthCoast YMCA members, program participants, and donors) to "share the status of the proposed Mattapoisett Bike Path with you and clarify any misconceptions you may have about the project and the YMCA's stance." It contained a full color brochure/opinion poll outlining the "Y's" position and asked you to choose one alternative while giving only half truths for information.

"First, the YMCA believes that a properly designed and managed bike path can be a wonderful and beneficial asset to a community." (Truthful!)

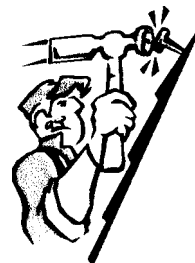
The rest of the paragraph sings their favorite Motherhood and apple pie refrain re: the proposal to go through

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our property would threaten the safety of our campers.

The Mattapoisett Bike Path Committee's proposal for Phase 3 of the Bike Path is to stay along the railroad and sewer right of way, a brush overgrown strip between the major lots of the Y's properties. The path will be in a fenced and gated "cattle run," with a bridge over the children's walking path offering seven feet (7') vertical clearance for the children while not exceeding handicap accessible slopes on the bike path. This proposal would provide a direct and affordable route with straight-line visibility, providing a greater degree of safety than offered by the rest of the camp boundaries. The Y does not choose to tell you of this proposal. It is not on their agenda.

The YMCA alternative would indeed provide a beautiful view, somewhat different than seen as you cross the Mattapoisett River on the existing (former railroad) causeway and bridge. It would require building a temporary construction road through 600' of tidal salt marsh. The road must be capable of supporting a crane/pile driver, wide enough to allow trucks to pass each other while bringing in workers, fuel, services for the machinery, 136 timber piles and all the heavy wood for a bridge, and possibly evacuate all this material for moon tides. It would also cost between \$1 and \$2 million for construction of the bridge and the proposed path along the edge of the Reservation Golf Course, and down a very narrow Reservation Road. This amount is more than the State has budgeted and appropriated for the entire four-mile bike path. One more concern is future maintenance. Timber is not immortal, and it might take a helicopter or a resurrected marsh road to repair this bridge in the future.

The third alternative mentioned: Neck Road to Route 6, Route 6 to the Village was examined by VHB Engineering and members of the Bike Path Committee and found wanting. Wanting for a healthy atmosphere for exercise (carbon monoxide is not considered to be a beneficial gas), wanting for room to build a safe path both on Neck Road and the shoulders of Route 6 using Massachusetts Highway standards, (necessary, as they control the funding). Drive by and see the lack of shoulders and right of way on Neck Road, and the Mattapoisett River Bridge. Look at the properties along Route 6, a federal highway with high speed traffic entering wide driveways, and houses that

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could find a bike path on their front porch. After you tackle all these issues, you may appreciate that the town couldn't consider this route for the incredible safety problems.

As a courtesy to the YMCA, the Mattapoisett Bike Path Committee filed the ENF (Environmental Notification Form) with the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) early in March, including the Y's alternative plan to be evaluated on an equal basis with the Bike Path Committee's original plan.

As a courtesy to the Mattapoisett Bike Path Committee, the YMCA has chosen to strengthen their stance by soliciting a flawed opinion poll based on furnishing misinformation to all their supporters.

Several "program participant" parents came to us during spring and summer 2000 and told of scare meetings in the same vein as their letter/opinion poll — the same or greater degree of misinformation — quoting one "if the bike path goes

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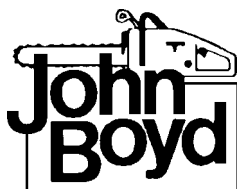
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through, the Y will have to close the camp because they can't guarantee the campers' safety."

It appears that big business (yes, the YMCA SouthCoast is a multi-million dollar business with a paid professional staff) has already committed far in excess of \$20,000 they acknowledged last year (how much did this mailing add to the cost?) to fight a battle that really belongs at the negotiating table — their professional staff opposite community volunteers, working toward a safe and affordable solution. The Y is trying to "stack the deck," soliciting a vote of confidence from thousands of good people while poisoning their minds with a flawed opinion poll based on half-truths.

The proposed Phase 3 direct Bike Path route, in itself, would provide greater safety from possible incursions by strangers than actually exists today or has ever existed at Camp Massasoit. With that in mind, my question is: "What is their real agenda?"

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Watjen, Chairman

Friends of the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path, Inc.

To the Editor:

Last December 18 I attended a Public Hearing called by the Town of Mattapoisett Planning Board to discuss the proposed by-law changes to Article 10 Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District. There were 50 quite verbal residents present that night, who stated their concerns for the proposed changes and were in favor of retaining the existing by-law. It was voiced that the present by-law provided adequate space for cell towers and had proven itself to be in compliance with the Federal Telecommunication Act.

The members of the Planning Board were polite, but did not satisfy our questions or allay our fears of future towers and 10-foot antennae throughout the town. In spite of the concerns stated that night, they have had the audacity to present the exact same proposed by-law, word for word, to be voted upon at the Special Town Meeting on Monday, April 9. Apparently a Public Hearing and opinions of residents mean nothing at all to them.

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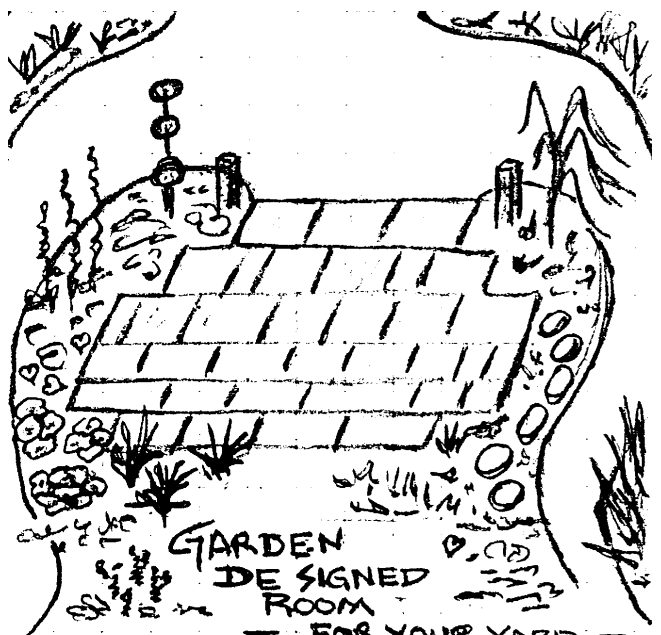
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Neighboring towns have specific overlay districts similar to ours, we now have three cell towers in our designated Overlay District and each should be capable of accommodating six telecommunication companies. How many more reliable companies are there that need access to and through Mattapoisett?

I urge all voters of Mattapoisett to obtain copies of the existing and proposed Telecommunications Overlay District By-Law at the Town Hall, to attend the Special Town Meeting on April 9, and cast a "No" vote on Article 11 of the Town Warrant. Sincerely,
Jo Pannell
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

I am so enthused about our recent Sunday, March 25 in Boston at Faneuil Hall attending a concert of the Orchestra for the Art of Music conducted by Bob Brink of Pine Island Road, Mattapoisett. It was a wonderful experience — the music was outstanding and to be sitting in a historic landmark to hear such superb talent was a special treat! And at a reasonable price, too. I



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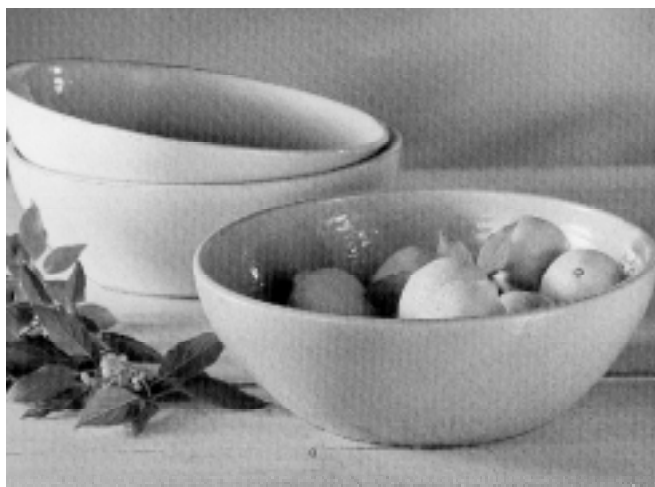


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Habitat Tool Sale

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) will be holding a used tool sale on May 5. The sale will be held in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Alden Road in Fairhaven from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Proceeds from the sale will go toward future construction projects in the SouthCoast Massachusetts area. During the next few weeks BBAHFH will be accepting donations of tools to include in their sale. Now is the time to clean out that cellar or garage and put your tools to work for a good cause. All donations are welcome: power or hand tools in good condition as well as some unused building supplies ... please no paint or appliances.

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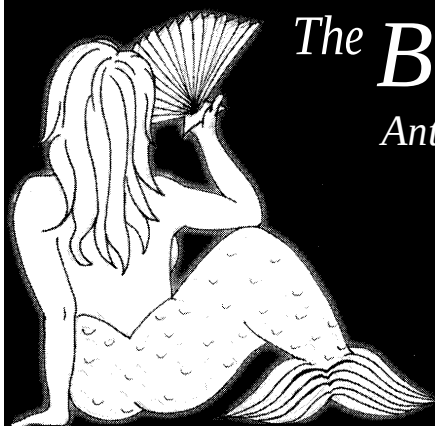
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With your help Buzzards Area Habitat for Humanity has raised funds to construct two homes in the SouthCoast area and is planning their next build for the fall of 2001.

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Rochester Council on Aging

- Thursday, April 5 - Ruth Harcovitz Concert at Rochester Congregational Church at 1:00 pm;
- Thursday, April 5 - SouthCoast Mobile Health Van at Plumb Corner Mall from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm;
- Sunday, April 8 - Lion's Club Breakfast at Rochester Grange Hall from 8:00 am to 11:30 am;
- Monday, April 9 - Omin Theater in Boston Trip; leave Town Hall at 9:00 am. Space is limited. Please call Marie at 508-763-8723 for reservations;
- Tuesday, April 10 - Senior Club Trip to Farmers Market at 1:00 pm;
- Wednesday, April 11 - Town Elections at Rochester Congregational Church from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm;
- Thursday, April 12 - Crafts at Rochester Senior Center from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon;
- Friday, April 13 - Good Friday;
- Sunday, April 15 - Easter Sunday;
- Monday, April 16 - Shopping at Emerald Square Mall and the Christmas Tree Shop in Attleboro. Leave Town Hall at 9:30 am. Call Marie at 508-763-8723 for reservations;
- Wednesday, April 18 - Council on Aging Meeting at Town Hall at 9:00 am. Meeting is open to everyone;
- Saturday, April 21 - SHARE Pick-Up at Town Hall from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon;
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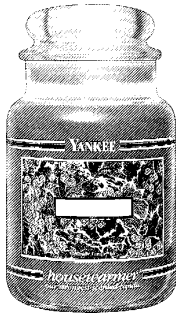
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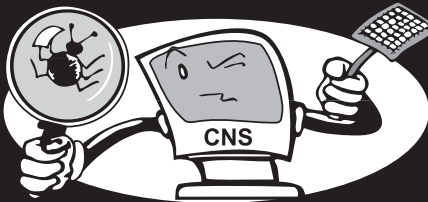
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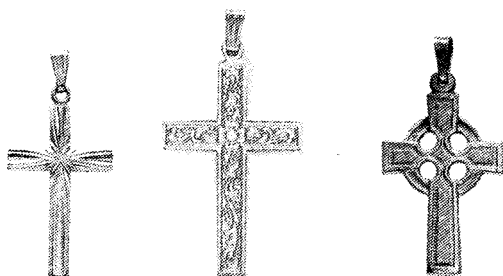
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The Annual Student Show will be on display at both galleries at the Marion Art Center April 8 through April 20 and will feature work by UMass Dartmouth students as well as high school student portfolios in competition for the Butterfield Scholarship prize. Permanent residents of Marion, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven and Wareham who intend to enter college by September 2002 are eligible to participate. Awards will be given in visual and performing arts. Severin Haines, professor of art, will judge the show. There will be a reception on Sunday, April 8 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Scholarships Available

Thanks to a bequest from Roberta W. Butterfield, the Marion Art Center has been able to offer scholarships in the visual and performing arts for the past twenty years. Applications by all eligible people are welcomed. Art work will be exhibited in the Art Center's Patsy Francis Gallery from April 8 through April 20.

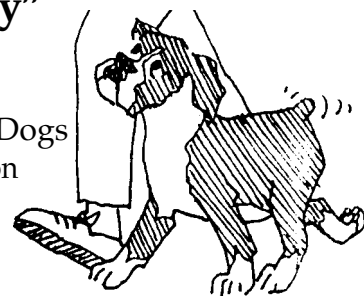
Eligible: Permanent residents of Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Fairhaven and Wareham who intend to enter college by September, 2002. To apply:

- Visual arts candidates should present a portfolio with 6 to 12 items including one suitable for hanging. Three-dimensional work should be mounted or installed. Drop off times are: Friday, April 6 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, April 7 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Performing arts candidates should prepare a 3- to 5-minute presentation of their discipline and submit a current resume. Auditions will begin April 5. Please call the Marion Art Center at 508-748-1266 to schedule a suitable time.

An Awards Reception will be held on Sunday, April 8 at 5:00 pm. High schools have been contacted

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ARTCAMP meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and
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North Fairhaven Yard Sale

Plans are underway for the Third Annual North Fairhaven Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This year's event will be sponsored by the Church of the Good Shepherd. Organizers hope to attract a large crowd of customers with individual yard sales, local business and other organization participation, and one giant sale to be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd grounds, 357 Main Street in North Fairhaven. Space rent in the churchyard for out-of-towners, crafters and residents from other areas of the town is \$15 and the church is also selling lunch. Local businesses are encouraged to join in by offering special sales on that day.

To get your yard sale location listed in the "Yard Sale Map," please call Chris Richard at the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 by May 10. For rental spaces or other information, please call 508-993-3730 or 508-991-8596.

ORR Parent Group

The next Old Rochester Regional High School Parent Association/Support Group meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12 beginning at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of Old Rochester Regional High School. A brief business meeting will precede the evening's guest speaker. Ms. Elizabeth Leatham, ORR School Career Liaison, will conduct a presentation on the internship program at the high school.

Committees are actively involved in the following school projects: Volunteers and Teacher Appreciation Week (Ms. Lois Sager); Programs (Ms. Angela Martin); By-Laws (Ms. Maureen Gillen-Brown and Ms. Debbie Jones); Publicity/Communications (Ms. Paula Butterfield and Ms. Lori Seigny); and Higher Education/Career Networking (Mr. Bob Raymond). If you would like to become involved in any of the many activities of the

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of students enrolled at Old Rochester Regional High School. They hope to see you on Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 pm.

FORM Fundraiser

Friends of Old Rochester Music (FORM) is currently holding its spring fundraiser, a perennial plant sale which has been set up with Eden Landscape in Marion. The proceeds of this fundraiser will be used to purchase concert chimes for the band. Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High School Choral and Band members will be taking orders for the six-inch potted perennials until April 8. The plants will be available for pickup at Eden Landscapes on Friday, May 18 and



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Rochester Grange Meeting

The Rochester Grange will hold an open meeting at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, April 11 to celebrate their 95th Anniversary. A Community Citizen Award will be given to someone the group feels has and does much for the community. Last year, you may remember, the award was given to Arthur and Alene Lionberger. This year's recipient is also a deserving and well-liked Rochester resident. The Valley Singers from Rhode Island will be the night's entertainment. Everyone is welcome to join in the anniversary celebration. Come, enjoy the music and find out who is the Year 2001 Rochester Community Citizen.

Local Film Televised

Local filmmaker Brent Lestage's short film *Race* will air on WGBH Channel 2 Boston on Thursday, April 19 at 11:30 pm as part of PBS' special presentation of Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List* on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day that has been set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding Americans of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign. *Race* will be shown immediately following *Schindler's List* and will include a behind-the-scenes interview with the Mattapoisett director.

Race, completed in 1997, was photographed mostly at area locations in Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Freetown, Rochester and Dartmouth. It tells the fictional story of one man's lifelong struggle to overcome survivor guilt following the tragic loss of his family in the Holocaust.

"This is a tremendous honor for myself and those involved in the making of *Race* for it to be shown back-to-back with Steven Spielberg's masterpiece," said writer-director Lestage. "His is such an incredibly important film for our time and, indeed, all time. *Race* tells a much smaller story but an equally important one.

"It focuses on one innocent victim of the Holocaust and asks: 'How could a survivor of such horrors choose to continue to live, love and have faith in people after witnessing such inhumanity?' So much can be learned from the survivors of the Holocaust — so much must never be forgotten."

The twenty-minute 16mm film features outstanding debut performances from local actors including Jay Catelli of Dartmouth, David Jenney of Mattapoisett, and Scott Brooks and Ken Vincent, also of Dartmouth. The film took first-place honors at the 1997 Judah H. Magnes Museum's Jewish Film/Video Festival in Berkley, CA and has had screenings nationwide.

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Locally, *Race* has also been shown in area high schools to supplement their respective Hate Awareness and Religious/Social Tolerance Programs.

Mr. Lestage, a New Bedford native and Mattapoisett resident, works professionally in film and television production. *Race* was the first of several films he has planned to shoot within the SouthCoast area. He is currently in pre-production with his first feature film, *Clam Chowder*.

Week of the Young Child

Each year, the National Association for the Education of Young Children promotes the celebration of the Week of the Young Child. During this week, programs that provide care and education to young children are highlighted. Spearheaded through the Tri-Town Early Childhood Council, "Week of the Young Child" celebrations are scheduled in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

Center School will host the Mattapoisett celebration on April 5 with children's singer Rick Goldin. His performance is scheduled for 9:30 am.

Rochester programs will celebrate with a visit by Zappy the Clown to the Rochester Memorial School on Friday, April 6 beginning at 10:15 am.

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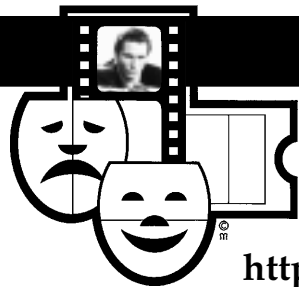
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MOVIE REVIEW

Family Bond

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Spy Kids. Starring Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino, Alexa Vera, and Daryl Sabara. Directed by Robert Rodriguez. Running time: 93 minutes. MPAA rating: PG. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

Even in his gun-heavy films for grown-ups — *El Mariachi*, *Desperado*, *From Dusk Till Dawn* — Robert Rodriguez has always had an infectious, childlike sense of play. (It was missing from his competent but undistinguished *The Faculty*, where he was essentially a hired gun.) It would seem natural, then, to turn him loose on a kiddie adventure and give him money for lavish, surreal sets and special effects. *Spy Kids*, which Rodriguez wrote, directed, and edited, plays like the pilot episode for a smarter-than-average Saturday-morning kids' show that you always read good things about but always somehow forget to catch. It's considerably colorful and entertaining while it spins in front of you; it's also almost immediately forgettable.

That may be by design, though. Rodriguez knows kids (he has three of them), and he knows that kids love repetition. *Spy Kids* is the sort of light comedic caper kids will want to watch over and over, with lots of eye-catching weird stuff, like robots made entirely out of thumbs or an evil lair with a jigsaw-puzzle motif out of Dali. Adults may respond gratefully, in that the movie — unlike the majority of crap shovelled at kids — is far from stupid, it's energetically crafted, it prizes brains and bravery over brawn and force, and it's not weighed down by winking pop-culture references that are meant to keep parents from yawning but usually don't.

Adult fans of Rodriguez' other films will also be glad he's finally got a major hit on his hands, and he did it without selling out. *Spy Kids* feels like a Rodriguez riff through and through. The young heroes, Carmen (Alexa Vera) and Juni (Daryl Sabara), are not lovable wisecracking urchins but regular kids whose parents (Antonio Banderas and Carla Gugino) just happen to be spies. When Mom and Dad are kidnapped by the evil genius Floop (Alan Cumming), host of a kiddie show that resembles *Pee-wee's Playhouse* more than a little, Carmen and Juni rush to the rescue, aided by a variety of nifty vehicles and gadgets. Rodriguez consistently gives his heroes the sort of immensely cool toys most kids would love to play with.

In fact, for that very reason, *Spy Kids* often comes across as a very, very covert broadside at the James Bond series, which is, after all, a boys-with-toys-and-boytoys franchise; it's as if Rodriguez is breaking the spy genre down to its essentials and finding that, when you get



right down to it and take away the Bond girls, *these movies are for kids*. (Or at least for men who like to regress to adolescent boys for two hours.) Rodriguez generously makes Carmen the older, smarter one, and Juni the fearful one; both kids, though, get to rise to the occasion, as when Carmen swoops around on a jet backpack and saves her brother's life, or when Juni finds a way to communicate with a backward-talking mutant in Floop's dungeon.

In general, *Spy Kids* is light-hearted and sometimes ingenious family entertainment. However ... "What's missing?" asks Floop when he senses that his show lacks a certain something. *Spy Kids* does, too, and I think I can pin it down: the film carries the vague insecurity of the beginning of a franchise (the studio has already greenlit the sequel). Obviously, nothing in the movie stands out as being *bad*, but nothing really stands out as being *amazing*, either. You occasionally see Rodriguez pulling back, not because this is a kids' movie but because he wants to hand Dimension a solid start to a *Spy Kids* tentpole, without anything too outrageous or expensive. The action sequences go by fast and aren't given time to build excitement or laughs (the way that, say, Rodriguez' hilarious segment of *Four Rooms* built one disaster atop another); there aren't any set pieces that lodge in your mind, just odd, funky details like a floor that seems to fall away but doesn't, or robotic spy kids whose eyes glow (like the kids in *Village of the Damned*), or Tony Shalhoub's quiet, witty bit of business as a Floop minion (he's even *named* Minion) who tries to sit in his boss's diabolical chair but can't quite get comfortable in it.

Rodriguez seems comfortable in his own chair, though. Though he hasn't provided *Spy Kids* with any glorious moments of action-adventure excess reminiscent of past classics or even his own films, he may have begun something here. Making a film for kids, with intelligence and without condescension, can be a greater challenge than making an intense art-house drama. It'd be interesting to see what such directors as Spike Lee or Steven Soderbergh would do in the kiddie genre, now that Rodriguez has made it look cool and fun to follow his lead.

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 Just Visiting (PG-13) - 1:05, 3:05, 5:00, 7:30, 9:35
 Tomcats (R) - 1:50, 4:10, 7:25, 9:20
 Someone Like You (PG-13) - 12:55, 3:00, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25
 Spy Kids (PG) - 1:25, 3:20, 5:10, 7:10, 9:20
 Brothers (R) - 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50
 Heartbreakers (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45
 Exit Wounds (R) - 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30
 The Mexican (R) - 9:25
 See Spot Run (PG) - 1:35, 3:55
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 Exit Wounds (R) - 1:40, 4:30, 6:40, 8:50
 Someone Like You (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:00
 Heartbreakers (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:20
 Along Came A Spider (R) - 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
 15 Minutes (R) - 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
 Tomcats (R) - 1:50, 4:10, 6:40, 8:40
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 Spy Kids (PG) - 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30
 Just Visiting (PG-13) - 1:20, 3:10, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
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 Down to Earth (PG-13) - 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 8:50

early childhood program is invited to attend the celebration in his or her hometown. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863. These events are funded in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education, "Community Partnerships for Children."

Rochester Congregational Church

The community is cordially invited to share in a variety of Easter Week services with their friends and neighbors at The First Congregational Church of Rochester.

On Sunday, April 8 at 10:30 am - Palm Sunday Service will be held and will feature a Cantata of Holy Week and Easter music featuring "One Holy Passion" presented by the Senior Choir with instrumental accompaniment. Traditional palms will be distributed and a coffee fellowship will follow the service. Join the congregation for an inspirational and meaningful hour of worship and praise.

On Thursday, April 12, a Maundy Thursday Service will be held including a very meaningful Service of Tenebrae, commemorating Jesus' Last Supper with scripture and Holy Communion at 7:30 pm.

On Sunday, April 15, the church's Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 am in front of the church on the green in Rochester center. Following the sunrise service, breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 9:00 am and include a variety of entrees. Donation for the breakfast is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children and just \$10 for families.

For those wishing to sleep late, the church will also hold an Easter service at its regular Sunday morning worship time of 10:30 am.

The First Congregational Church of Rochester is a friendly, Christ-centered fellowship located on the green in the center of the town where you'll feel welcome. Church School for all ages is at 9:15 am followed by a Sunday Worship led by Interim Pastor Bob Barletta at 10:30 am with Nursery provided. A time of fellowship follows the Sunday Service. For more information, please call 508-763-4314.

Marion Warrant Afternoon

Marion Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock will lead a discussion of the articles on the Marion Town Meeting Warrant on Tuesday, April 17 at 2:00 pm. All Marion voters and residents are urged to come and ask questions about the articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria of Sippican School on Spring Street. The meeting is sponsored by the Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester League of Women Voters.

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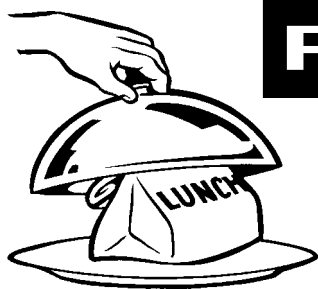


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Regional Lunch Menus

■ ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY and FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, April 9 – Hamburger on a bun, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, assorted milk.

Tuesday, April 10 – Macaroni and cheese, diced ham, bologna sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, assorted milk.

Wednesday, April 11 – Baked chicken, bologna sandwich, rice, peas, fresh fruit, assorted milk.

Thursday, April 12 – Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, potato puffs, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, assorted milk.

Friday, April 13 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, April 9 – Swedish meatballs, bow tie noodles, Harvard beets, light rye bread, fruit in light syrup.

Tuesday, April 10 – Honey lime chicken breast, rice pilaf, carrots, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, April 11 – Vegetable soup, BBQ pork rib patty, Lyonnaise potatoes, dark rye bread, fresh fruit.

Thursday, April 12 – Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, whipped potato, winter squash, dinner roll, peach crisp, graham wafer.

Friday, April 13 – GOOD FRIDAY: Fish and cheese, tartar sauce, O'Brien potatoes, green beans, hamburger roll, fruit in light syrup.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, April 9 – French toast sticks, sausages, warm apple slices, toasted cheese sandwich,

potato puffs, veggie sticks, milk.

Tuesday, April 10 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, April 11 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tuna roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, April 12 – Assorted stuff crust pizza, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, April 13 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, April 9 – French toast sticks, sausages, warm apple slices, toasted cheese sandwich, potato puffs, veggie sticks, milk.

Tuesday, April 10 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, April 11 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tuna roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, April 12 – Assorted stuff crust pizza, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, April 13 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Monday, April 9 – Chicken nuggets, sauces, Sloppy Joe on a bun, grilled cheese sandwich, potato rounds, baked beans, chilled pineapple, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, April 10 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken breast patty club, hot ham and cheese, bologna and lettuce sub, cheese Doritos, carrot sticks, chilled applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, April 11 – Taco boat with all the fixings, hot dog on a roll, tuna salad roll, Spanish rice, corn niblets, chilled peaches, apple pie.

Thursday, April 12 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, mac rib sub, shaved turkey club, double oven fries, chilled pears, Scooby Doo fruit

snacks. ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL:

Early dismissal at noon (no lunch).

Friday, April 13 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – FAIRHAVEN

Monday, April 9 – Chicken nuggets, sauces, Sloppy Joe on a bun, grilled cheese sandwich, potato rounds, baked beans, chilled pineapple, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, April 10 – Stuffed shells with sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, hamburger/cheeseburger, "Italian" grinder, shoestring fries, green beans, chilled applesauce, chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, April 11 – Taco boat with all the fixings, hot dog on a roll, tuna salad roll, Spanish rice, corn niblets, chilled peaches, apple pie.

Thursday, April 12 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, mac rib sub, shaved turkey club, double oven fries, chilled pears, Scooby Doo fruit snacks.

Friday, April 13 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

■ OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, April 9 – Steak'Um and cheese, French fries, peas, chocolate chip cookie.

Tuesday, April 10 – Minestrone soup, Italian sub, potato chips, green beans, crackers, chocolate cake.

Wednesday, April 11 – Orange juice, linguica and cheese, potato puffs, corn, fruit crisp.

Thursday, April 12 – Stuffed crust pizza, pretzels, carrots, assorted dessert.

Friday, April 13 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT

Monday, April 9 – French toast sticks, sausages, warm apple slices, toasted cheese sandwich, potato puffs, veggie sticks, milk.

Tuesday, April 10 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges,

veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, April 11 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tuna roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, April 12 – Assorted stuff crust pizza, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, April 13 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

■ ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, April 9 – Soup, French toast, bacon cheeseburger, buffalo wings, home fries, sausage, warm apple slices, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, April 10 – Soup, Italian chicken burger, pastrami with cheese, steak with cheese roll, fries, pickles, veggie sticks, fruit, juice or milk.

Wednesday, April 11 – Soup, American chop suey, chicken nuggets, ham and cheese croissant, garlic bread, green beans, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, April 12 – Clam chowder, teriyaki chicken fajita, BBQ ribs, Italian sub, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, salsa, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, April 13 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, April 9 – French toast sticks, sausages, warm apple slices, toasted cheese sandwich, potato puffs, veggie sticks, milk.

Tuesday, April 10 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges, veggie sticks, pickles, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, April 11 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tuna roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, April 12 – Assorted stuff crust pizza, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, April 13 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

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Nasketucket Condo Trust

Lynne M. Foley, property manager of Fisher & Rocha, Inc., announced the election of officers for The Nasketucket Townhouse Condominium Trust of Fairhaven. At the annual meeting held at The Millicent Library in Fairhaven on April 2, the following officers were elected: Chairman Michael Dow; Treasurer Robert Stoughton; Secretary Sandra Robinson; Trustee Richard Costa; and Trustee Jane Flynn.

Cushing Cemetery Meeting

The Cushing Cemetery Corporation Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street in Mattapoisett.

Marion Candidates Night

The League of Women Voters' Candidates' Night for Marion will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria of Sippican School. Candidates for all contested seats are invited. Each candidate will have three minutes to speak then the floor will be open for questions

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Death Be Not Proud

By Kenneth J. Souza
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Never underestimate the power of cable television when it comes to offering an alternative resource for talented film-makers. And HBO continues to be a wellspring for such projects: bringing a personal sense of immediacy and intimacy to movies that would otherwise be lost in a sea of multiplex mayhem in theaters.

The latest entry in an already-impressive slate of original HBO productions is the touching and poignant *Wit*, directed by Mike Nichols and starring Emma Thompson. Adapted by the Oscar-winning director and star from Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, the film is a bold and relentless account of how a hard-as-nails 48-year-old literature professor named Vivian Bearing, PhD (Thompson) learns to cope with the harsh realities of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer and is subsequently subjected to the cold and impersonal regimen of eight long months of chemotherapy treatments.

Dr. Bearing is a respected and witty scholar of metaphysical poet John Donne and — as we learn through clever flashbacks staged with Thompson alternately shown as her younger self and in her hospital nightgown looking on as a bedridden observer — someone who learned early on to counter adversity with wit and intelligence. But the drawn-out and demoralizing months of probing, testing, and aggressive cancer treatments wear the once-fearful professor down and reduce her to a frightened and vulnerable woman ... and someone who eventually realizes and accepts her ultimate fate.

It's no coincidence that Dr. Bearing's life work is devoted to the spiritual writings of Donne, whose classic "Death, Be Not Proud" serves as a kind of mantra for the movie and the professor's excruciating ordeal. In one of the film's most touching and poignant scenes, Dr. Bearing recalls an important lesson as a graduate student that Donne's great sonnet does not celebrate death with exclamation points or big, bold letters ... but rather understates it simply with a comma — *a pause*. Likewise, Dr. Bearing's affliction is viewed as just another sickness, especially by the ever-inquisitive student interns to whom she has become an object, a medical experiment.

The same mentor/instructor who taught Dr. Bearing that important Donne lesson returns to spend a touching moment with the ever-sickening professor near the end and eschews the obligatory recitation of "Death, Be Not Proud" in favor of a quaint children's allegory about a lost bunny. What could have been forced or even silly in lesser hands becomes extremely moving with Mike Nichols' skilled and subtle touch.

In the absence of hospital visits from family and friends, Dr. Bearing begins to confide in and trust a caring nurse who is one of the few people in the movie who treats the cancer-stricken scholar with understanding and respect. She and Thompson foster a mutual, easy admiration for each other and the nurse becomes Dr. Bearing's sole champion in the end. Even a former student who claimed achieving an A- from the renowned Dr. Bearing was a badge of honor for him has difficulty treating her



with the same respect and compassion as she withers away from the excessive doses of chemotherapy in her lonely hospital bed — an out-of-character baseball cap hiding her now-bald scalp.

Wit is the perfect marriage of writing (both Edson's play and the Thompson/Nichols script), acting and directing. Oscar-winner Thompson delivers a tour-de-force performance which consists mostly of first-person monologues told directly to the unflinching

camera in Nichols' trademark long takes. She is perfectly cast as the once-overbearing and somewhat-egocentric professor and brings a credible and touching sense of emotion to Vivian Bearing as the endless hospital tests and treatments begin to take their toll.

Nichols is in fine form here, as well, choosing to keep his camera fixed on Thompson (often in full-frame, extreme close-ups) and allowing the cold and sterile Kubrick-like hospital sets to dictate the tone. Even the sparse musical score (comprised mostly of a few classical piano motifs) is kept at a bare minimum so that Thompson's performance and Dr. Bearing's no-nonsense dialogue remain the film's paramount focus.

Wit is perhaps one of the most daring, touching, honest and ultimately grim portrayals of the harsh realities cancer patients must endure and the indignities of undergoing chemotherapy in the desperate hope that it will, *maybe*, restore them to complete health. It's also a fascinating snapshot of those in the medical profession who deal with cancer patients day-in and day-out ... and how some rise to the occasion and others completely miss the point. Last, but not least, it is the portrait of a strong-willed woman trained to, as she succinctly states at one point, "read between the lines," who fully comprehends the subtext of her diagnosis from the beginning but ultimately decides to take what she's been told at face value ... if only as a way of creating that comma-like pause on her long, painful road to the inevitable.

***Wit* - Starring Emma Thompson. Directed by Mike Nichols. Running Time: 99 minutes. Rated TV-14. An HBO Original Movie. Next airs: Friday, April 6 at 12:30 pm and 10:00 pm on HBO Signature (HBOS); Monday, April 9 at 11:45 am and 8:00 pm on HBO; Saturday, April 14 at 4:15 pm on HBO; Tuesday, April 17 at 12:30 am on HBO; Wednesday, April 18 at 4:00 pm on HBO Plus (HBOP); Friday, April 20 at 2:00 pm on HBO Plus (HBOP); Tuesday, April 24 at 10:00 am on HBO Signature (HBOS); Thursday, April 26 at 5:15 pm on HBO Signature (HBOS); Saturday, April 28 at 9:30 am on HBO Plus (HBOP); and Monday, April 30 at 7:30 am on HBO Plus (HBOP).**

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from the public. Following the questions, each candidate will have up to three minutes to make a concluding statement. Time allotments will be strictly adhered to and the moderator for the meeting will be Mary LeSueur, President of the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters.

The positions to be filled and the candidates running are as follows — Selectman (one seat): Sherman E. Briggs and Ben Bryant; Planning Board (two seats): Robert F. Bennett (incumbent), David Hirschberg, and Peter Winters; Open Space Acquisition Committee (two seats): William J. Brennen, Paul MacEachern, John Rockwell, and Debra Teixeira; Old Rochester Regional High School Committee (one seat): Andrew N. Jeffrey and Ronald Herington.

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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 25 through March 31, 2001:

- Spring Street – building check
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – parking violation
- Front Street – parking violation
- Spring Street – larceny/past
- Green Street – annoying phone calls
- Pleasant Street – parking violation
- Wareham Road – adult arrest (warrant, larceny by check under \$250)
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Main Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spinnaker Lane – paper service
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle complaint
- Converse Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Sandwich Road – animal complaint
- Spring Street – officer wanted
- Spring Street – found property
- Cove Circle – larceny/past
- Point Road – larceny/past
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Delano Road – suspicious activity
- Delano Road – officer wanted
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mill Street – escort requested
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mill Street – general request for service
- Pumping Station Road – animal complaint
- Wewaeantic River – waterways complaint
- Point Road – chemical spill
- Point Road – breaking and entering/past
- Shell Heap Road – animal complaint
- Cottage Street – parking violation
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle

- Ichabod Lane – suspicious motor vehicle.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 25 through March 31, 2001:

- North Street – minors with alcohol
- Mattapoisett Neck Road – leak in road
- Barlow Lane – larceny from motor vehicle
- Crystal Spring Road – traffic violation
- County Road – disabled motor vehicle
- Mahoney's Lane – possible gas leak
- Marion Road – violation of no trespass order
- Marion Road – person with abdominal pain
- Marion Road – possible drug ingestion
- Marion Road – vandalism/larceny to room
- Mendell Road – kids playing in back of town barn
- Silver Shell Avenue – theft of tools
- Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle accident
- Snow Fields Road – dog barking all night
- County Road – raccoon acting strange
- Shaw Street – larceny of "Elect Dan Goodman" signs
- County Road – loose dog
- Marion Road – altering driver's license
- Fairhaven Road – restitution made
- Fairhaven Road – dog hit by car
- Wolf Island Road – adult arrest
- Linhares Avenue – power outage
- Martin Avenue – woman locked out of house
- Baptist Street – power outage
- Marion Road – general disturbance
- Holly Hollow Lane – past suspicious motor vehicle
- Park Street – water flooding street
- Stoney Hill Road – home/road flooded
- Aucoot Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Old Mattapoisett Neck Road – flooding
- County Road – flood/water impassable
- Angelica Avenue – storm drain backed up
- Marion Road – water pouring into basement
- Avenue B – storm drain backed up
- North Street – road flooded by Rochester town line
- Fairhaven Road – road flooded
- Pine Island Road – flooding
- Fairhaven Road – vehicle stranded

in water

- Deer Run Street – water in basement
- Brookside Drive – smell of smoke reported
- Fairhaven Road – large hole at foot of driveway
- Fairhaven Road – river overflowing
- Marion Road – possible road hazard
- North Street – water filling basement
- Water Street – kids causing erosion problem
- North Street – dead animal in road.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 26 through April 2, 2001:

- Braley Hill Road – vandalism
- Neck Road – animal complaint
- Snipatuit Road – car hit deer
- North Avenue – officer wanted
- Mattapoisett Road – car hit deer
- North Avenue – animal control matter
- North Avenue – animal control matter
- Gerrish Road – larceny
- Rounseville Road – breaking and entering
- Neck Road – car hit deer
- Snipatuit Road – animal complaint
- R.F. Morse – annoying phone calls
- Mary's Pond Road – past breaking and entering
- Vaughan Hill Road – water problem
- Mattapoisett Road – water problem/flooding
- Porter Road – water problem/flooding
- High Street – water problem/flooding
- Cushman Road – water problem/flooding
- Mayflower Lane – highway matter
- Ryder Road – water problem
- County Road – water problem/flooding
- Robinson Road – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – flooding
- Walnut Plain Road – flooding
- Marion Road – flooding
- Cushman Road – flooding
- Memorial School – suspicious activity
- Annie Maxim House – suspicious motor vehicle
- Plumb Corner Market – larceny
- Carver Police Department – report: past breaking and entering
- Plumb Corner Mall – officer wanted.

Fairhaven Swing Dance

A fund-raising Swing Dance to benefit FAME (Fairhaven Association for Music Education) will be held on Saturday, April 14 in the Fairhaven Town Hall Ballroom from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Admission is \$7 per person and door prizes and free refreshments will be available. DJs will be Joe and Andy Perrone. For more information, please call Joe at 508-994-2214.

Mattapoisett Historical Museum

On Sunday, April 22 at 2:00 pm, the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House will be privileged to have Donna Halper of Boston as their speaker. Ms. Halper has authored a just-published book titled "Invisible Women," a chronicle on early women in radio. One of those early pioneers was Mattapoisett resident Eunice Randall. The first chapter of her book is devoted to Eunice Randall's accomplishments in radio broadcasting. This should be a most interesting and informative program. All programs at the museum are open to the public and they invite everyone to attend.

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Volunteers are needed to help update Rochester's Open Space and Recreation Plan prepared in 1996. The purpose of the Open Space Plan is to help provide a landscape guide for Rochester into the future. The committee will visit and inventory all town-owned



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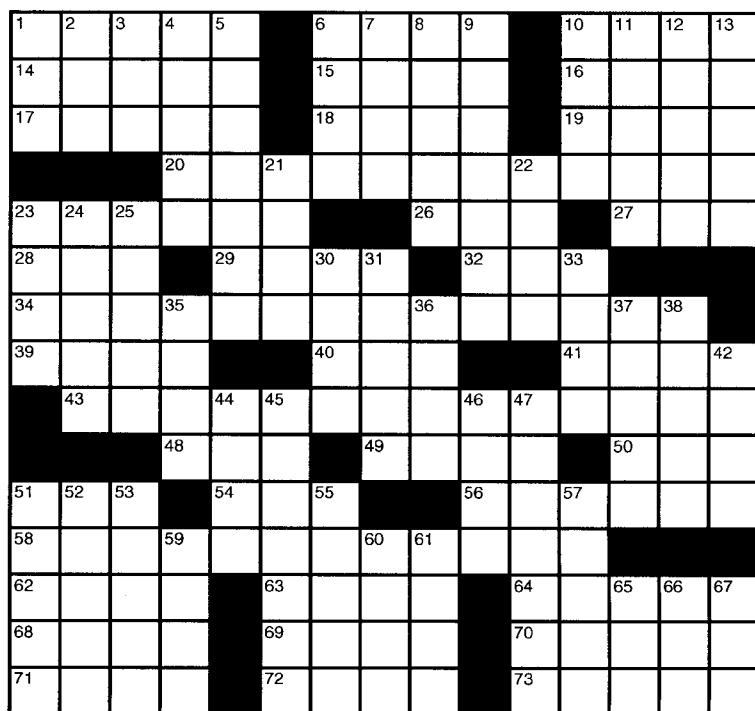
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This Week's Horoscope

by Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20). Romantic passions will steadily increase. Expect lovers and close family members to openly reveal their feelings.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Fast career inroads and new social contacts will bring valuable opportunities.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Someone close may offer unclear communications or halfhearted explanations. For many Geminis, emotional confusion will mostly be experienced in family relationships.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Key officials may be scattered or emotionally distant. Expect important policy issues to distract colleagues and authority figures.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Short-term agreements and temporary work assignments will be finalized.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Past family obligations or ongoing social stress between loved ones will fade.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Long-trusted lovers or close relatives will demand obvious and steady commitments.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Family duties and emotional home discussions are accented. Watch for a close relative or long-term friend to ask for added emotional support.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Past financial or educational records may become briefly problematic. Study small details, minor calculations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Rest, relaxation and inner contemplation will be rewarding. Delayed work duties will allow extra time for subtle romantic decisions.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). A close friend or work mate may reveal unexpected romantic information.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Business and social events may lead to positive workplace gains. Watch closely for unusual opportunities in the areas of property management, financial counseling, corporate advancement or accounting.

If Your Birthday Is This Week ... group relationships and social demands will be complex over the next nine weeks. Expect both friends and work associates to provide mistaken facts, figures and statements.



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School House Rock

The musical performance of "School House Rock Live! Jr." directed by Ms. Holly Ashley and Ms. Kris Brammer will be presented at Old Hammondtown School on Monday, April 9. The performances will be presented at three separate times — 9:15 am for Center School students; 1:30 pm for Old Hammondtown School students; and 7:00 pm for parents and community members.

Blessing of the Bikes

The Third Annual "Blessing of the Bikes" will be held on Sunday, April 22 at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. Participants will depart at 12:00 noon for St. Joseph's Church, where the blessing will take place. A two-hour ride along area back roads will end at The Highlander in

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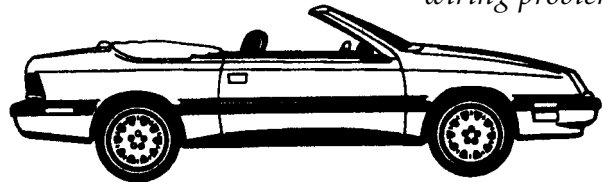
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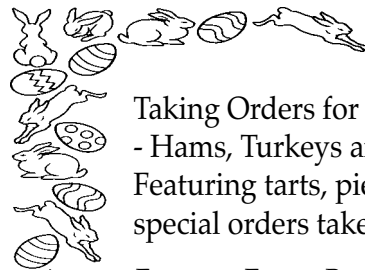
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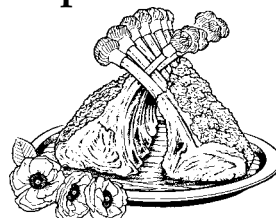
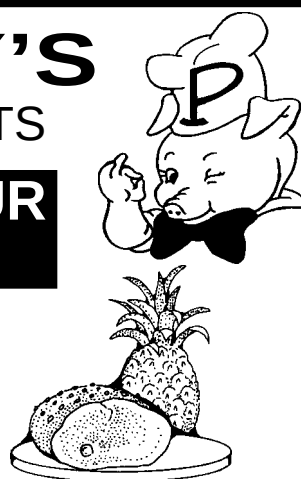
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The community is invited to visit the Plumb Memorial Library's website and take a library survey to share opinions about the Rochester library and its services. If you're a regular library user, please take the opportunity to share what you like and ways they might improve. If you don't use the library, here's your chance to tell them why! You can take the survey anonymously,

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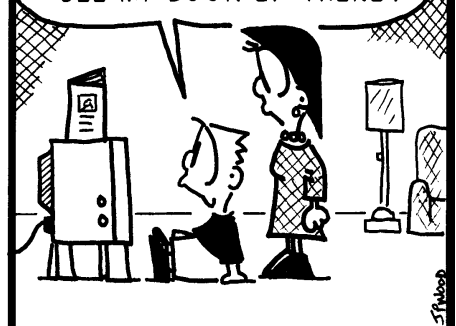
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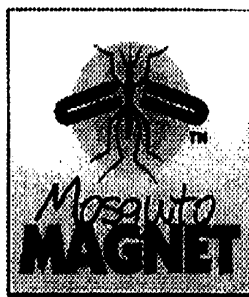
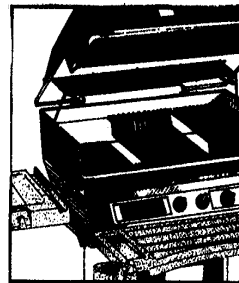
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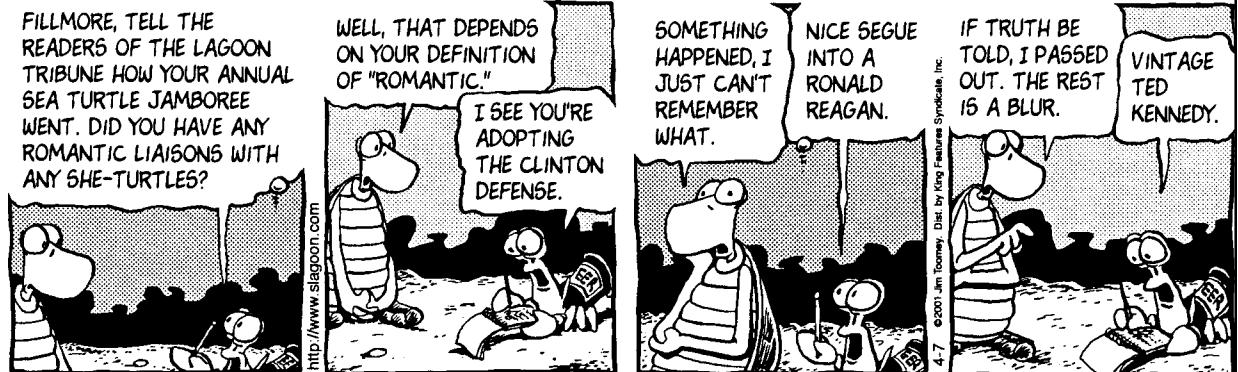
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- Monday, April 9 at 7:30 pm - Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;
- Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm - ORR District School Committee at Old Rochester Regional High School;
- Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 pm - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

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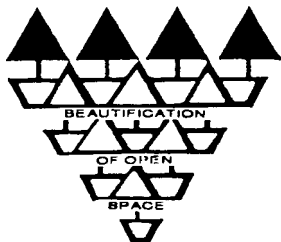
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Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of April will be held on Wednesday, April 11 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, April 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Clinics are held at the American Legion Hall, Depot Street in Mattapoisett, and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

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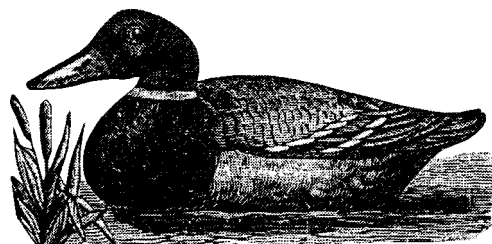
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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April 6:	Fri.	7:19	7:42	12:41	1:14
April 7:	Sat.	8:08	8:30	1:34	1:53
April 8:	Sun.	8:55	9:17	2:24	2:31
April 9:	Mon.	9:42	10:03	3:09	3:09
April 10:	Tues.	10:29	10:50	3:52	3:46
April 11:	Wed.	11:16	11:38	4:32	4:24
April 12:	Thurs.	...	12:05	5:12	5:03
April 13:	Fri.	12:27	12:54	5:54	5:46
April 14:	Sat.	1:18	1:46	6:44	6:36
April 15:	Sun.	2:12	2:41	7:53	7:44
April 16:	Mon.	3:11	3:40	9:23	9:17
April 17:	Tues.	4:14	4:41	10:24	10:36
April 18:	Wed.	5:14	5:35	11:07	11:29
April 19:	Thurs.	6:03	6:20	11:45	...
April 20:	Fri.	6:45	6:59	12:13	12:21
April 21:	Sat.	7:22	7:36	12:55	12:57
April 22:	Sun.	7:59	8:12	1:35	1:32
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		April 7th	
		Last Quarter		April 15th	
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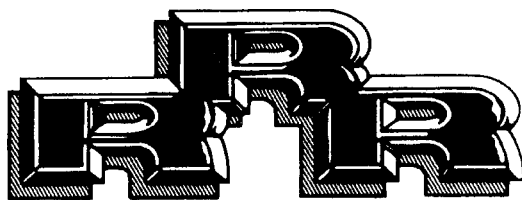
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